front of the Office of the Department of Education at Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi. The main demand of AIFUCTO is for review of scales of pay of university and college teachers. AIFUCTO also proposed to discuss certain other demands like relaxation in minimum academic qualifications for eligibility for appointment as lecturer, immediate implementation of revised scales of pay of Library and Physical Education personnel in Universities and Colleges and removal of certain anomalies arising out of implementation of revised scales of pay. Though no discussion took place on 21st May, 1990, Government has decided to invite representatives of AIFUCTO to discuss these demands.

Uniform pay structure for Teachers

2264. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to grant uniform pay structure for teachers in all the institutes of higher learning in the country ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA) : (a) to (c) The National Policy on Education—1986 envisages that efforts should be made to reach the desirable objective of uniform emoluments, service conditions, etc. for teachers throughout the country. In pursuance of this provision, and keeping in view the responsibility of the Central Government for coordination and maintenance of standards of higher and technical education, the Department of Education revised the pay scales of university/college teachers w.e.f. 1-1-86. As for as the State/Universities and colleges are concerned, decision regarding revision or scales of pay rests with the State Government concerned. The pay scales of teachers in technical and engineering institutions including IITs have also since been revised.

Flooding of parts of Rann of Kutch by Pakistan

2265. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has deliberately flooded parts of Rann of Kutch to make the Indian army immobile in that area ; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA) : (a) Barring a media report, there is no confirmation to indicate that Pakistan has deliberately flooded parts of Rann of Kutch.

(b) Does not arise.

Digging up of Bunkers by Pakistan in Rann of Kutch

2266. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : SHRI ATAL BEHARI VAJPAYEE :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Hindustan Times of 19th April, 1990 to the effect that Pakistan Army has dug up bunkers in large numbers on its side in the Rann of Kutch area and has also flooded parts of the area due to which the water in coming to Indian side; if so, what are the military consequences thereof; and